

Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Community Services



"Dave Sutherland of Dixon Center has defined the American model of excellence for the successful reintegration of our veterans and military families. From his tireless work in the Pentagon to the emergence of Dixon Center, Sutherland inspires and encourages all of us to break down the silos and never forget to put veterans and their need first."

Admiral Michael Mullen, U.S. Navy (Retired), 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Today's veterans come home to a nation that thanks them for their service, but in reality these vets come home to families, neighbors and communities who, while grateful, also expect them to pick up where they left off.

But after the welcome wears off, vets find themselves scattered across the U.S. And therein lies the challenge: the resources available to veterans are scattered throughout communities and few organizations are available to match the Service member and his/her family with the local resources available to them.

Dixon Center builds partnerships, shares innovations and connects those who have served through collective impact initiatives in their local communities. We look at not only the current challenges facing veterans and their families but also seek to anticipate and meet future needs.

Our purpose? To enable our veterans and their families to thrive where they live.

Under the leadership of Colonel David Sutherland, U.S. Army (Ret.) and Kim Mitchell, Dixon Center's network of 20,000+ organizations and like-minded individuals, serving 560+ communities, builds national reach while advancing local impact.

The Stanford Social Innovation Review said that "working with communities is the solution to advancing a 'whole of society' collective impact." What does this mean? It means that communities must create change that looks at entire systems rather than just one organization. Here's how Dixon Center brings innovative solutions to enable veterans and their families:

- ✓ Advise and assist social, private and public sector decision-makers on how to find and focus on essential needs within their communities;
- ✓ Help communities mobilize partners and resources to support educational and employment endeavors in addition to health, finance, legal and housing requisites;
- ✓ Facilitate effective solutions in communities – solutions that can be shared broadly to strengthen collective impact; and
- ✓ Build capacity and expand direct services – locally through Easter Seals and nationally through the collective Sea of Goodwill.

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